

### REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 5-18 were pending and rejected. In this response, claim 9 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 10, and 17-18 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1 and 5-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 and 112, second paragraph. In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections have been overcome.

Specifically, independent claims 1 and 17-18 have been amended to specifically specify that the operations are performed by a computer server hosting an online reverse auction over a network, in which an enterprise buyer is seeking a lot of goods having multiple line items and multiple enterprise supplier bidders bidding for supplying the goods. In addition, independent claims 1 and 17-18 have been amended to include substantially all limitations of claim 9, as well as additional limitations, to clearly identify the useful and concrete results of the operations (e.g., ranking the bidders in the bidding positions). It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are allowable in view of the foregoing amendments. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

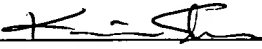
In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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